

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Eagle Elementary School**  
**Mr. Matt Stich, Principal**  
**Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM**

**News and Noteworthy**

March was a busy month at Eagle Elementary School. Students and staff participated in:

- Spring Concerts
- STEAM Afternoon
- Art and Music Festival
- Grandparent's Day
- Arbor Day Tree Planting

**Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

Eagle Elementary students in Grades 3-6 completed the Forward Exam, which was taken April 24th-27th. This exam tests students in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Fourth grade students were additionally tested in the areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Professional Development**

- On May 1st, teachers at Eagle Elementary with teachers District Wide in The Life/Poverty Simulation experience, which was designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. It was unique and special because it combines the financial and emotional distress that 25 simulated families tackle as one of up to 90 participants. This exercise is an ideal staff training program that can also be used as an event break out session or to host a community event. During the three hour activity, these “families” are struggling to make ends meet in the simulated month of four fifteen minute weeks. At the conclusion of the exercise, participants were more aware to the daily realities of many American families. Many teachers reported a positive overall experience and claimed that this was very eye opening.
- Sam Crary has also been an amazing resource for teachers. She has helped teachers utilize assessment data to improve their instructional practices.

**Thanks and Appreciation - Acknowledgments**

- Thank you Diane King for filling the hallways with beautiful art work, and thank you Sarah Mickelson and Kasara Sinkula for putting on amazing Spring Concert performances. Lastly, I would like to give a big thank you to Greg Deets and the Grandparents Day Planning Committee. Thank you all so much for planning such a wonderful day for our students and grandparents.

**School Board Report and Update**  
**Palmyra Elementary School**  
**Steve Greenquist**  
**May 9, 2017 - 7:00pm**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

We are just finishing up with the state mandated Forward Exam and will start the end of the year testing with Aimsweb and MAP testing. I hear periodically that we test too much and that we should use this time for teaching. I hope I can start convincing people of the value of testing. Testing data drives what we teach, how we teach it, and it helps identify those who need additional support and those who need extended learning opportunities. Testing also informs teachers and administrators of how well their class has performed during the school year.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

Field Trips – A number of field trips will take place this month. Second grade attended Camp Timber-Lee last week and the students had a great time. First grade will be going to the Delavan Animal Gardens. We also have our third grade going to Discovery World Museum and Fifth grade will be attending the Milwaukee Public Museum. I will also have the opportunity to go to Camp Timber-Lee with our sixth grade. This is a very busy time of year for the elementary.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Thanks to our Home & School for providing our teachers and support staff with lunch last week Tuesday. They provided pulled pork sandwiches, various salads and dessert. Everything was delicious. This is a busy time for our Home & School as well. They are also facilitating the Ice Cream Social, the Carnival, and they are in the middle of fundraising for our school. They put in a lot of time and effort and it is appreciated very much.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

May 10	Makerspace Club 3:15-5:00
May 11	New 4K Parent Meeting - 5:30 - Library
	Art & Music Festival - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Home & School Ice Cream Social - 6:00-7:00 p.m.
May12	Grandparents' Day
May 16	5th & 6th grade track meet - High School
May 19	Home & School Carnival - High School 5:00-8:00
May 24	Makerspace Club - 3:15-5:00
May 26	No School!
May 29	No School!

**5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building – Palmyra-Eagle High/Middle School**  
**Principal – Kari Timm**  
**May 9, 2017**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

Forward exam is completed for 10th 8th and 7th grade students. We will begin ACT Aspire testing for 9th and 10th grade students around May 10th with a plan to complete this testing by May 19th. ACT scores for the state test day in March are in and we are looking at the data and trying to identify the benefits that we got from utilizing the ACT prep class with the juniors. We are also looking at different options for exemptions that might provide more incentive in the future.

12th grade graduation and 8th grade promotion are right around the corner. We will be holding 8th grade promotion on Friday, June 2nd in the middle school gym. The ceremony will be focus on academics and will start at 1:00 pm with parents and family able to attend with refreshments after. High school graduation will be Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 in the high school gym. We are working on finalize a commencement speaker in addition to the honor students speakers for this ceremony.

Nick Jones, Amanda Jones and I are wrapping up with teacher observations for the year. The My Learning Plan platform has been the best model for Educator Effectiveness since we started evaluating teachers using this program 3 years ago. I believe that the benefit for staff and administration has transferred over into student learning.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

On May 1st we had our last inservice for the 2016-17 school year. All certified staff members too part in a poverty simulation put on by Fort Community Credit Union. The simulation was run by PEHS graduate Jennifer (Earle) Tucker and it put the staff members in different family groups where they had to work through the challenges of living as a family facing a poverty situation. The simulation was very powerful and gave staff a different look at situations that may be facing families in our community.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

Gigi Laine for all her hard work in the guidance office all year. This time of the year is very hectic for Gigi with senior awards night and graduation around the corner. I appreciate all she does for the students and families of PEHS/MS.

Stephanie Schroeder has gone above and beyond this year with the PR for our district. The district video was just another example of the great things that Stephanie has done to put our district on the map this year. I can't say enough about how valuable she has been.

**4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- 5/7 - RVC Top 10 Banquet - Edgerton High School - 6:15
- 5/12 - Pantene Beautiful Lengths - Hair donation assembly - 7:40 am
- 5/15 - HS/MS Band Concert
- 5/15 - MS Choir Concert
- 5/17 - Senior Awards Night - 7:00 pm
- 5/23 - HS Choir Concert
- 5/26-5/29 - No school - Memorial Day
- 6/2 - 8th grade promotion - 1:00 pm
- 6/4 - High School Graduation - 2:00 pm
- 6/4-6/5 - Project Graduation
- 6/5 - Middle School End of Year Field Trip

## **5. Miscellaneous**

**School Board Report and Update**  
**School/Building –District-Wide**  
**Director of Special Education, Pupil and Learning Services -**  
**Amanda Jones**  
**May 9, 2017**

**1. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**

- Students taking the alternative assessment (Dynamic Learning MAP - DLM), are finished up within the testing window. A special thanks to these teachers, Beth Friemel and Jen Landherr, as it is very time consuming between the training and administration, which is given individually to students.
- Students have finished up taking the Forward exam. Thank you to testing coordinators of each building in working with me on implementing accommodations for some students.
- Curriculum and budget items are being reviewed and finalized for special education staff and programs.
- Tori Franz and myself are working together to identify budget items needed for English Learners with Title III budget money and will be ordering these items soon. Items will consist of professional development activities/resources for teachers and staff as well as supplemental curriculum/audio and visual materials.

**2. News and Noteworthy**

- Teachers on evaluation summary year or are year 1 in the district are finishing up evaluations through the month of May. I will continue to meet with staff to finish this up in the coming weeks.
- All special education support staff will have an evaluation this year, as ongoing professional feedback is essential to all educators. Evaluations have been shared with all teaching staff that work with the paraprofessionals so that collective evaluation input is received.

**3. Thanks and Appreciation – Acknowledgments**

- Thank you to all special education staff who helped proctor and administer the Forward Exam or Dynamic Learning Map assessments this year. Your flexibility is very appreciated during this process!
- Thank you to Tori Franz and Jen Quella for the ongoing dedication and work for English Learners. The additional time spent attending

Professional Development and collaborating with teachers to benefit all students is appreciated greatly.

#### **4. Upcoming Events and Activities**

- I attended the Spring WCASS (Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services ) Conference on May 3-5 in Madison. The WCASS conference will focus on Educational sessions focused on legal, legislative, and policy and procedural updates in the areas of Special Education and Student Services.

#### **5. Miscellaneous**

- To learn about upcoming Title III and ELL program requirements, Dr. Bloom and myself attended Title III Consortium Meeting at CESA 2 on April 25th. This meeting provided essential information on upcoming reporting and program requirements in the area of Title III and serving English Learners.